

PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASSES

Saturday: 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 & 11:30 a.m.
4:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Daily: 8:30 a.m.
Holy Days: 8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Anselme Malonda-Nkuanga, CICM....Pastor
Ramon Tirado.....Deacon
Kathy Semerling..... Business Manager
Hannah Masson.....Director of Music
Patricia Reed.....Dir. of Religious Education
Miriam Medina.....Dir. of Liturgy/Hispanic Liaison
Danielle Gambale-Metz.....Office Staff-Notary
Theresa Watson.....Choir Director
John Flemming.....Heritage Choir Director
Julie Dawley.....Director of R.C.I.A.
Mary Flemming.....Coordinator of Youth Ministry
Jim Oliver.....Principal, Epiphany School
Barbara Terry.....Director, Epiphany Pre-School
Anne Schuyler.....Business Manager, Epiphany School

REGISTRATION

A warm welcome is extended to new parishioners. New members can register with the parish office during office hours. Registration forms are also available in the Church vestibule and can be dropped in the collection basket during Mass. Parish registration is required for reception of the Sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation and Matrimony) and letters of eligibility to serve as Godparent or sponsor.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Is available on Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm and Saturdays 4:00 to 5:30 and any other time upon request.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Registered parishioners who are requesting baptism for their child should contact the parish office to sign up for the required pre-baptismal classes.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

is celebrated after a period of preparation of not less than six months. Registered parishioners who wish to marry at Precious Blood should contact the parish for arrangements.

CCD CLASSES

540-825-1339

Sunday: 9:30-10:45 a.m. (K-12)

Epiphany Catholic School 540-825-9017

1211 E. Grandview Ave.

Culpeper, VA 22701

Preschool: 3 & 4 year olds

Elementary K-5

Middle School: 6-8

office@epiphanycatholicsschool.org

www.epiphanycatholicsschool.org

May 8, 2016

“Ascension of the Lord”

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week

Sun. May 8

8:00 AM Patricia Knox (birthday)

11:30 AM Anna Coppola (+)

4:00 PM For the People

Mon. May 9 Mother's Day Intentions

Readings: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

Tues. May 10 Mother's Day Intentions

Readings: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

Wed. May 11 Mother's Day Intentions

Readings: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

Thurs. May 12 Mother's Day Intentions

Readings: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

Fri. May 13 George DiIBon, Sr. (+)

Readings: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

Sat. May 14

Readings: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

8:30 AM Mother's Day Intentions

6:00 PM Kathleen Aquilina (+)

LORD HEAR THE PRAYER FOR OUR SICK

Especially: Brian Alexander, Janice Ambrose, Trudy Baker, Rosalie Baker, Michael Baudham, Mike Bosma, Joyce Bosworth, Christopher Byrne, Bill Daley, Cynthia Davies, Wilma Day, Jackie Fancher, Danielle Gambale-Metz, Bill Goetz, Alex Green, Mitch Harper, Nancy Hoffman, Alex Hyde, Peg Logan, Kriss Cordero Luna, Carmela Lyne, Ana Magana, Doreen McNamara, Joan McPhillips, Beth Moreland, Mary Neureither, Shawn Peet, Gia Quiroz, Donald Rediske, Max Rosado, Mary Jane Roth, Shaw family, Margaret Shaw, Lorain Smith, Greg Szafranski and for all those who ask for our prayers and wish to remain anonymous. May they feel God's protective hand and return to good health.



Call the rectory if you want a name to remain after six weeks.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

REVELATION 22:13

Ascension

Reading I Acts 1:1-11 (Jesus' final instructions and ascension)

Reading II Ephesians 1:17-23 (a Spirit of wisdom)

Gospel Luke 24:46-53 (the ascension)

Key Passage May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. (Ephesians 1:17)

Adult Who in your family has the gift of wisdom? How does he or she use this gift?

Child Who is the wisest person you know? What has he or she taught you?

ALL Bulletin inserts please email:
bulletin@preciousbloodcatholicchurch.com

Deadline is 3:30pm on Monday before.

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is a lifestyle, it's how I make all my decisions.

Bishop's Lenten Appeal

Amount pledged:	\$125,401.00
BLA goal:	\$115,000.00
% BLA goal:	109%
Pledges:	328
% Households pledged:	29%

We have continued receiving pledges for the Bishop's Lenten Appeal! Thank you for your generosity in exceeding our goal!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 5/1 collection:	\$10,461.65
Epiphany:	\$431.00
Building Fund:	\$753.00

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Fr. Anselme visits Culpeper Hospital twice a week on Tuesday and Friday. Please notify the rectory if you wish to have someone visited. Arrangements should also be made with the rectory for an Extra-ordinary Minister to bring Holy Communion to shut-ins on a regular basis. Emergency sick calls can be arranged at any time.

THIS WEEK AT PRECIOUS BLOOD



DAILY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE Please note, the normally scheduled 8:30 am Mass of this Friday, May 13th, will not be at Epiphany Catholic School. It will be at Precious Blood. Mass will be at Epiphany on this Tuesday the 10th instead.

CONFIRMATION The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on May 22, at the 11:30 AM Mass. 65 students will be confirmed. Please plan to arrive early as many will be in attendance on this joyous occasion!

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday! It is a tradition in our parish for everyone to wear red on Pentecost in celebration of the descent of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church! There is a red sticker on this bulletin that you can place on your calendar to remind you.



MUSIC MINISTRY "Songs of our Mother" featuring marian songs & hymns from varied heritages in our parish will be enjoyed next **Sunday, May 15** at our music ministry's 2nd annual **PENTECOST BRUNCH** from **9:30-10:30 am** in the parish hall. Come on out, enjoy some food, fellowship & wonderful music as we celebrate our unity and diversity of **One Lord, One Faith, One Parish, Many Tongues**. Contact our Director of Music Hannah Masson at hannahmasson@yahoo.com or call **540-229-5329** if you have a song from your family's heritage that you'd like to share. Freewill donations to our Freda Kratochvil music scholarship for young pastoral musicians will be accepted.

TRAVELING DIVINE MERCY ICON In honor of the Jubilee Year of Mercy the Office for Family Life is inviting each parish to host the Icon of Divine Mercy that was created for the Diocese of Arlington in Krakow, Poland. The icon will remain with us for one week, giving us the unique opportunity to pray together as a parish for the healing of families. Accompanying the icon will be three smaller replicas of the icon. These replicas will go to three families in our parish who have agreed to pray one rosary and one Divine Mercy chaplet each day that the icon remains in their possession. All families are encouraged to participate by taking one of the prayer cards with the same image and to unite their prayers with everyone in the diocese for peace and healing in families. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed after every daily Mass at Precious Blood this week. To learn more about the origins of the icon and to follow the icon's pilgrimage visit <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/divinemercyicon/index.aspx>

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—ADORERS NEEDED! Adorers are needed to come before the Most Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays for the time slots from **1:00-2:00 PM** and **8:00-9:00 PM**. If you can help with this important ministry please call Joanna Madorma at **540-829-2235**.

LADIES AUXILIARY The Ladies Auxiliary of the K of C meets at 10am this Tuesday, May 10, in the Parish Hall.

SECOND COLLECTION Today, we will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC). This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through television, radio, social media, podcasts, and print media. Please be generous! Remember, half of your donation stays in our diocese to support local communication needs. The CCC is how we share our experience of faith, worship, and witness. There will be a second collection for the care of our diocesan retired priests next weekend, May 14 & 15. Currently there are 22 retired priests and an additional 17 diocesan priests who will retire in the next ten years. Please consider donating. Thank you for your support.

SAINT STEPHEN'S FOOD CLOSET This week's needs are: pancake mix and syrup; any canned fruit; canned vegetables i.e. peas, carrots, beets etc.

HOLY SPIRIT INTERACTIVE (HSI) Next meeting will be Wednesday, **May 11**, at **7:00 pm** at the new Brown Harris office (309 N. Main Street). Topic is "**Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Four Bags Full.**" God's greatest gift to us, after the gift of salvation, is the gift of his Holy Spirit given to all who are baptized in the Lord Jesus. The Holy Spirit does not come into our lives empty handed. He brings gifts with him-- 4 bags full! All are welcome.

DONATE YOUR OLD SHOES CHASS will again be collecting shoes in any condition for distribution to third world countries. There will be a box in the vestibule of the church for the next two weeks. Your generosity last year provided over 500 pairs of shoes. Don't throw out those old, outdated shoes, bring them to church. Any questions, please call Mary McPhillips at **547-2123**. Thank you for helping!

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING Altar server training will be held on **June 5th, 19th, and 26th** for those who have completed the 4th grade, been baptized and have received first Holy Communion. Please contact the office if your child is interested.



LADIES RETREAT The next Ladies Retreat will take place on **Saturday, May 14** starting with Mass at **8:30am to 12:00 noon** here at the Parish. The topic is "Mary, Mother of the Household". Babysitting will be provided. Please come for a reflection morning with our Lady. We kindly ask that you RSVP by contacting Jacqueline Masson at **678-267-6377** or at **jacque1114@yahoo.com**. If you are a Virtus trained volunteer or teen in need of confirmation hours and would like to help us babysit, please contact us. God bless you!

FAITH DIRECT Are you starting to plan your summer vacations? Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: VA226. Your gifts through Faith Direct will help stabilize our parish finances through the busy (but beautiful) summer months. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family with your time and talents as well as treasure!

CAN JOBS MINISTRY Christians are Networking (CAN) is a jobs ministry. On **May 10th** we begin our 7 week program which includes resume review, cover letters, mock interviews, marketing yourself and so much more. Join us every Tuesday from **7-8:30pm** in classroom 30 (downstairs from the Parish Hall). Call Margie at **540-422-0907** to register.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

GRADUATION MASS Please let the office know if you are graduating from high school in Spring 2016. The High School Graduation Mass will be **Sunday, June 5th at 11:30AM** and we would like to recognize our graduating seniors!

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE Application forms for the Fr. Maurice du Castillon and Fr. Leo Zonneveld scholarships, awarded to graduating seniors, are available in the foyer! The form and a reference letter from a Precious Blood parishioner citing the applicant's involvement in church activities must be turned in by **June 1st, 2016**.



AROUND THE DIOCESE/VIRGINIA

LIGHT THE WORLD! Light the World! is a Summer Institute that will take place at The Catholic University of America. Rising Juniors and Seniors are invited to join us **June 12-18** as we explore how our faith is lived within the context of Art, Science, Sport, Business, and Politics. Email lighttheworld@cua.edu for more information and application materials.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND Our "special" 10 Day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land will be offered over 2 different departure dates. We will be departing Toronto Pearson Int'l Airport on **11/6/-11/15/2016; 2/7/17-2/16/17** at the all land and air inclusive costs of 2669.00 USD in Feb and 2699 USD in November in twin accommodations and depending on the date you choose. We will be visiting Tel Aviv, Jaffa, Caesarea, Acre, Nazareth, Cana, Tiberius, Sea of Galilee, Tagba, Capernaum, Mt. Tabor, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and more. Brochures and reservation forms available at the Catholic Tour at **877-627-4268** toll free. Or simply email lmadalr@thecatholictour.com.

T.E.A.M. TEEN RETREAT "Do you have the Mercy App? Exploring the role of technology in daily acts of mercy" will take place on **SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2016, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM** The retreat is sponsored by the LEGION OF MARY to be held at HOLY TRINITY JUBILEE PARK INC. located at **4407 Aldie Road, Catharpin, Virginia 20143**. It is open to all Catholics from ages 12 - 18. Come and join us for an exciting day with holy Mass, Benediction, Confession, Eucharistic Procession, uplifting talks, skits, and three hours of exciting activities. To inquire about the retreat, call Dr. Seggy Acosta at **(703)392-6420**, Nancy Grenier at **(703)869-0040** or Sandy Witter **(703) 266-3534**. Scholarships are available based on financial needs. You may visit www.holytrinityjubileepark for registration forms or pick up a form in the Precious Blood office.

MOMENTS OF MERCY Join Arlington Young Adult Ministry in their newest initiative called, "Moments of Mercy." Through personal testimonies, Moments of Mercy focuses on encounters of the Lord's goodness and faithfulness. Check out the videos and picture posts by using the **#MomentsofMercy** on social media. Have your own story you would like to share? Send it to Brendan Gotta at b.gotta@arlingtondiocese.org.

CROSSROADS Are you pro-life, between the ages of 18-30 and looking for an amazing experience this summer? Crossroads, a pro-life organization that sponsors walks across America each summer to help build a culture of life, is looking for young people to walk this summer on any of their three pro-life walks. Walk leader positions are also available. For more information or to apply, please visit www.crossroadswalk.org or contact **(800) 353-8817**.

Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Fear of the Lord

The gift of *fear of the Lord*, concludes the series of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. It does not mean being afraid of God: we know well that God is Father, that he loves us and wants our salvation, and he always forgives, always; thus, there is no reason to be scared of him! **Fear of the Lord, instead, is the gift of the Holy Spirit through whom we are reminded of how small we are before God and of his love and that our good lies in humble, respectful and trusting self-abandonment into his hands.** This is fear of the Lord: abandonment in the goodness of our Father who loves us so much.

When the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in our hearts, he infuses us with consolation and peace, and he leads us to the awareness of how small we are, with that attitude — strongly recommended by Jesus in the Gospel — of one who places his every care and expectation in God and feels enfolded and sustained by his warmth and protection, just as a child with his father! **This is what the Holy Spirit does in our hearts: he makes us feel like children in the arms of our father.** In this sense, then, we correctly comprehend how fear of the Lord in us takes on the form of docility, gratitude and praise, by filling our hearts with hope. Indeed, we frequently fail to grasp the plan of God, and we realize that we are not capable of assuring ourselves of happiness and eternal life. It is precisely in experiencing our own limitations and our poverty, however, that the Holy Spirit comforts us and lets us perceive that the only important thing is to allow ourselves to be led by Jesus into the Father's arms.

This is why we need this gift of the Holy Spirit so much. **Fear of the Lord allows us to be aware that everything comes from grace and that our true strength lies solely in following the Lord Jesus and in allowing the Father to bestow upon us his goodness and his mercy.** To open the heart, so that the goodness and mercy of God may come to us. This is what the Holy Spirit does through the gift of fear of the Lord: he opens hearts. The heart opens so that forgiveness, mercy, goodness and the caress of the Father may come to us, for as children we are infinitely loved.

When we are pervaded by fear of the Lord, then we are led to follow the Lord with humility, docility and obedience. This, however, is not an attitude of resignation, passivity or regret, but one of the wonder and joy of being a child who knows he is served and loved by the Father. Fear of the Lord, therefore, does not make of us Christians who are shy and submissive, but stirs in us courage and strength! **To be conquered by the love of God!** This is a beautiful thing. To allow ourselves to be conquered by this love of a father, who loves us so, loves us with all his heart.

Yet, we should take care, for the gift of God, the gift of fear of the Lord is also an “alarm” against the obstinacy of sin. When a person lives in evil, when one blasphemes against God, when one exploits others, when he tyrannizes them, when he lives only for money, for vanity, or power, or pride, then the holy fear of God sends us a warning: be careful! With all this power, with all this money, with all of your pride, with all your vanity, you will not be happy. No one can take it with them to the other side: not the money, power, vanity or pride. We can only take the love that God the Father gives us, God's embrace, accepted and received by us with love. And we can take what we have done for others.

- Pope Francis June 11, 2014

